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## NINETEEN OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM KENTUCKY POLICE CORPS

RICHMOND – Nineteen college-educated, Spanish-speaking law enforcement officers from nine police departments today became the fifth class to graduate from the Kentucky Police Corps.

The graduation ceremony for Police Corps 5 was held in Posey Auditorium in the Stratton Building on Eastern Kentucky University's campus. Lt. Col. Glenn Skeens of the Owensboro Police Department was the guest speaker.

Police Corps is a federally funded program that offers each cadet a four-year college scholarship worth up to \$30,000 in exchange for a commitment from the recruit that he or she will work at a designated Kentucky police department for four years.

Those accepted into the Police Corps program must complete 23 weeks of training at the Department of Criminal Justice Training. In addition to the standard basic training that all officers in Kentucky receive, Police Corps cadets participate in an intensive Spanish language and Mexican culture project that is capped off by two weeks in Mexico.

Police Corps 5 graduates and their agencies are:

James Clifford Beckett Cynthiana Police Department

James Ross Brown Oldham County Police Department

Elizabeth Ann Cobb Florence Police Department

Jason Taylor Curry Richmond Police Department

Jeremiah Dowell Erlanger Police Department

Gerald Giles Erlanger Police Department

Joshua Ian Hale Richmond Police Department

Mark Ham Florence Police Department

Michael Woodrow Keeton Nicholasville Police Department

Daniel Ray Knelson Owensboro Police Department

Kevin Charles Miller Paris Police Department

Daniel Aaron Mitchell Covington Police Department

Scott Alan Morrow Owensboro Police Department

Nathan Travis Rettig Florence Police Department

Brandon Michael Sims Owensboro Police Department

Justin Wade Tucker Covington Police Department

Joshua D. Wargel Owensboro Police Department

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